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on Their Way.

Death in Chicago.

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MAKE 2 ARRESTS PLACING BLAME FOR HOLOCAUST

Explosion and Fire Loss in N. Y. May Reach 45 Million.

of State Violated.

Three Known Dead, Score Missing, 35 Badly Hurt.

\$5,000,000 Worth of Ammunition Mysteriously Blown Up.

INVESTIGATORS BUSY

· Federal Inquiry on Theory Disaster Was Incendiary.

Harbor Islands Bombarded for receive Eight Hours by Debris.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR FIRE

Jersey City (under municipal ex-The railroads (to fix blame if any, mong their own employes). police authorities around Black

ARRESTS MADE SO FAR. Albert M. Dickman, Lebigh Valley railroad agent, stationed on Black Tom

Alexander Davidson, superintendent of the National Storage company's property on Black Tom peninsula. Warrant issued for arrest of T. B. Johnson, president of the Johnson Lighterage company.

All three men charged with "criminal and gross negligence" in causing the death of one of the known victims of the explosion.

EXPLOSION EPITOMIZED

I. Destroyed by explosions or fires 17 archouses, six plers, four barges, one agboat, 85 freight cars, many of them

ESTIMATED DAMAGE.

F12,000,000	On Black Tom peninsula: National Storage company
1,250,000	Lehigh Vailey railroad
50,000	Jerney
5,000,000	Animunition in cars and
200,000	Moran Towing Co, barges Oher barges and cargoes
\$18,560,000	Total

ZEP AND 'PLANE BATTLE IN SKY; CALL IT DRAW

London, July 31.-Combat between thirty miles off the east coast of Great ritain, was reported in an admiralty statement today. The aeroplane pilot t was related, fired more than two Cavalry in Running Fight With trays of ammunition at the German dirigible before he was temporarily ncapacitated by a portion of his gu Allege Munition Handling Laws flying off and stunning him.

When the pilot recovered conscious ess the Zeppelin had disappeared.

Secretary of Treasury Will Make Topeka a Visit.

Inspect Local Claims for Federal Farm Bank.

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Oher barges and cargoes. 200,800

Total \$18,500,000

In Greater New York (mostly plate glass) \$200,000

In Jersey City (mostly windows) \$250,000

On Bellis faland \$100,000

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Total damages \$19,519,000

Some estimates, up to \$45,000,000.

Jersey City N. J. July \$1—On charges of "criminal and gross negligence" two men were to be arraigned here today for their alleged part in the expiosion on Black Tom peninsula. They were Albert M. Dickross a Leasung City of the shower prevented it.

TWO TROOPERS KILLED IN FRAY WITH BRIGANDS

Mexican Bandits.

American Soldiers Slay Five of Marauding Band.

Eighth Cavalry Intercepts Raid on U. S. Ranches.

Surprised by Patrol Attack, Mexicans Flee Across Line.

El Paso, Texas, July 31. secretary of the treasury, saying that bandits at the Sanchez ranch, one and

DAYS TO LIVE BIG FIGHT FOR THREE OFFICES Sir Roger Casement Will Be

Executed Thursday Morning. Only Royal Prerogative Can

LITTLE HOPE FOR

Two Guards Watch Over Prisoner in His Death Cell.

Save Irish Patriot Now.

Him Privately.

London, July 31 .- Should the roya! prerogative not be exercised, Sir Rog r Casement will suffer the extrem prison next Thursday morning.

The hour of his execution will prop bly be 8 o'clock, or 2 o'clock, New guine regarding a reprieve for the paign, local interest centers around the prisoner, but it would not be fair to say there is no hope. There is—a ty offices—sheriff, county cierk and little.

Assessed valuation of Kansas proportion of the worst periods of hot weather creased approximately \$36,602,382 to say there is no hope. There is—a ty offices—sheriff, county cierk and feared.

Toronto, July 31.—The biggest bush fire in history of Ontario province was still raging today. Loss of 200 lives is over 1915, bringing the property value. Two York time. Candidly, those who have J. Will Kelley, secretary of the To-peka Commerical club, received a let-ter today from William G. McAdoo, U. S. cavalry, and a party of Mexican prisoner, but it would not be fair to

receive every consideration. This means that the secretary will visit the city as announced by Charles E. Lobdell of Great Bend, several weeks ago, before he was appointed a member of the federal farm bank board.

S. E. Cobb, chairman of the committee endeavoring to get the bank located in Toronto.

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NAKED SWIMMERS TAKEN IN BARRELS TO POLICE COURT Indiana Harbor, Ind., July 31 .-IN THIS COUNT

Last Day of Bitter Local Campaign for the Primary.

Contest for Sheriff Most Spectacular in Years.

ENTIRE CITY ROCKED BY BLAST M'ADOO IS COMING CLASH NEAR FORT HANCOCK Only Priest Is Allowed to See TAKE ONLY 3,500 TO NOMINATE

Vote Is Well Divided Among Nine Candidates.

County Attorney and Clerk Fight Means Close Finish.

county attorney. It has been years since there was such a fight as has been and is being made for these three

Perhaps the fight for sheriff is the most spectacular and most uncertain. There are nine Republican candidates There are nine Republican candidates for the office and every man has been burning up his energy and that of his friends to put him in first place. The nine candidates are Hugh Larimer, now undersheriff; H. A. Hodgins, J. E. Wilson, G. W. Betts, R. W. Eaton, H. C. Ericsson, George Frost, W. T. Daw.

The probabilities are that 3,500 for LAST WITH IZZIES

When four Rumanians, clad only in smiles, appeared at the local beach here was a wild rush for the shor by women and girls.

The police wrapped the offending four in barrels and took them to the station, where they explained they were recent arrivals in America an that in Rumania men and women always went bathing together with no thought of apparel.

FEAR 200 DEAD

Biggest Forest Fire in History of Ontario Raging.

Timber Loss Into Millions-Towns Fire Swept.

Already the fire has covered much of the territory from Cochrane to Hearst. Timber, valued at millions of dollars, is believed to have been consumed. A dozen towns and villages are in the fire zone. Telegraphic communication has been destroyed and it is not known whether they were destroyed or not stroyed or not. according to a statement today by the state tax commission. It is probable that the state tax levy will this year go to 1.35 mills, an increase of one-tenth of a mill over last year and an increase of .15 mills over 1914, when the state valuation was \$176.418.890 below the 1916 showing. Virtually four million dollars must be raised by the state under the 1916 leavy.

Reports today by the state tax commission show that increases in real estate valuations have been made by the state board of equalization. In addition to the arbitrary increases, lo-

Savages Out to Make It Four Straight This Afternoon.

Pitchers Hovlik and Young Have Not Arrived.

Today's Line Up. Topeka— Devore, rf Cochran, 3b Goodwin, 2b Engle, If Kruger, cf. Agler, 1b DeFate, ss Monroe, c Jones, 1b Ewoldt, 3b

Out to make a clean sweep of the Des Moines series, the Savages had Bill Burwell scheduled to pitch this afternoon and with Allen still on the sick list Monroe will be behind the bat again.

John Savage said today that he had heard nothing further from Cy Young and Joe Hovlik, the recently acquired pitchers, and that he could not say whether or not they would report. He stated that Young had not notified him of his intention of quitting baseball.

EVERYTHING UP: VALUATION GAIN RAISE IN TAXES

Assessment Returns Show Ad- Brisk Winds From North Are vance of 96 Millions.

Property Values Now Are Weather Stages Grim Drama of Nearly 3 Billions Here.

Levy for This Year.

crease One-Tenth Mill.

addition to the arbitrary increases, lo cal assessors returned increases in nearly fifty more of the 105 counties of the state. The state tax commis-

STATE MUST RAISE 4 MILLIONS 115 DEATHS, 400 PROSTRATED

This Amount Needed Under the Baby Mortality Distressing Feature; 50 Infants Die.

Probable That Taxes Will In- Weather Man Promises "Pleasant to Live" Tomorrow.

Latest figures show that 284 persons died in Chicago directly or indirectly from the effects of the heat.

Welcomes Good News. Chicago, July 31.—Chicago and the iddle west figuratively faced the cominiddle west figuratively faced the weather stage and awaited the promised boon of cooler weather today, meanwhile anxiously hoping tonight would witness the final curtain in the grim drama of death and suffering untless that has had its attention in the excessive heat of nearly a week's duration. For the directors of the weather bureau have promised lower temperatures by tomorrow at the latest.

of the state. The state tax commission, sitting as a board of equalization, increased unimproved farm lands in Shawnee county 5 per cent. The increase means a boost of \$28.176 in Shawnee county farm valuations. The greatest increase by the state board was in Sedgwick county, which was compelled to meet an increase of \$3.765,775 in the assessors' returns. Both unimproved farm lands and improved Wichita property were boosted.

Levy Will Go Up.

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With an increase of more than 176 million dollars in property valuations in two years, Kansas must this year meet another increase in the tax levy, regardless of the recent years of preaching of economy, efficiency and business administration before the Kansas voters. Both the valuation and levy will go up this year, was the admission today in offices of the commission.

During the years 1912-13-14, the During the years 1921-13-14, the

The government temperature read-ing at 8 o'clock this morning in Chi-cago was 82 degrees. Brisk winds made it seem as if the cool wave had come on sooner than expected.

During the years 1912-13-14, the state levy remained stationary at 1.20 mills. At that time the state property valuation hung languidly over the \$2,800,000.000 mark. Now the valuation is three billion dollars in round figures. Bill Burwell scheduled to pitch this afternoon and with Allen still on the sick list Monroe will be behind the bat again.

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Tomorrow Lincoln will come, for a four game series. It is hoped by the management that Hovlik will arrive in time to work the opener against the Ducklings.

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Famous Statue in N. Y. Harbor

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However, Made Miraculous Esseape During Catastrophe.

New York, July 31.—Miss Liberty's states would or casessors this year increases in finity counties. These increases ranged from \$78,911 in Smith county to 35, 769,775 in Sedgwick county.

Members of the state commission to day took a decided fall out of the safety work against the six of the state commission to day took a decided fall out of the safety work as the state would probably result in an increase of provided that the county of the state commission to day took a decided fall out of the safety was to the state commission to day took a decided fall out of the safety was to fine the size of the state commission to day took a decided fall out of the safety was the proportion precipitation were. Topeka, from from flow from from heat, five from drowings and found the figures.

Score is the state would probably seven in the levy than in 1915. Such conditions or a total state valuation in the state would probably seven to the first time in several weeks and definitely an output the dollar valuation. This year wit leave the was increased to the s